

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 7900

C O N F I D E N T I A L GUATEMALA 6624

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PBOR, GT, UK  
SUBJ: GUATEMALAN REQUEST FOR F-5 AIRCRAFT

REF: STATE 253124

1. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT A NEW HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT  
WOULD NOT ENTER PICTURE IN CASE OF F-5'S IF SALE WERE CONSUMMATED  
IN THE ELEVEN MONTHS OR SO REMAINING BEFORE START OF FY 79  
(UNLESS CONGRESS WERE TO REQUEST SUCH A REPORT).

2. IF SALE WERE NOT CONSUMMATED BY THEN, IT IS OUR ESTIMATE  
THAT GOG WOULD NOT MAKE A FUSS ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT. OUR  
REVIEW OF FILE ON SUBJECT REFLECTS AMBIGUITY OVER WHETHER GOG  
INTENDED TO REJECT FMS SALES ALONG WITH FMS CREDITS AND IMET.  
FACT OF THE MATTER IS THAT GOG HAS CONTINUED TO MAKE FMS  
PURCHASE REQUESTS, IN ADDITION TO F-5'S, DESPITE TERMS OF GOG  
NOTE OF MARCH 11, 1977 (GUATEMALA 1584) DECLINING "CONDITIONED"  
AID OR SALE OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE  
TO CONSTRUE PRESIDENT LAUGERUD COMMENTS TO US (SEE LAUGERUD-  
CORBETT-JONES MEMCON OF MAY 16, 1977) AS DISTINGUISHING  
BETWEEN FMS CASH SALES AND FORMS OF ASSISTANCE MORE CLEARLY  
PERCEIVED AS "AID" BY GOG. WHILE WE CANNOT PREDICT WITH  
CERTAINTY GOG REACTION TO HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT TRIGGERED BY  
F-5 OR OTHER FMS CASH PURCHASE, WE BELIEVE PRAGMATISM WILL  
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PREVAIL.

3. RE ANDREWS-PFEIFLE TELECON OF OCTOBER 21, WE DO NOT SEE  
CONNECTION BETWEEN \$25 MILLION PURCHASE PRICE THRESHOLD AND  
HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT REQUIREMENT PER SE. IT IS OUR UNDER-  
STANDING THAT THE \$25 MILLION THRESHOLD IS SIMPLY ONE OF THE  
TESTS WHICH SET IN MOTION THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, WHICH

WE HAVE ALREADY MET, OF STATE 207984'S ARMS TRANSFER POLICY  
GUIDELINES.  
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